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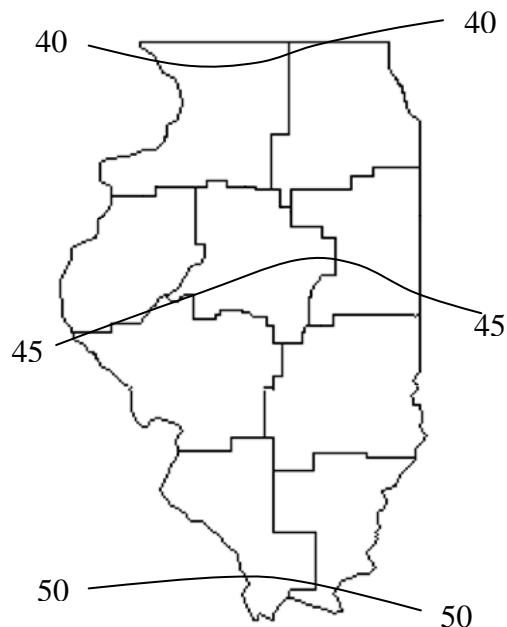
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Agricultural Summary

The cold weather continued throughout the state last week with the average temperature being almost 7 degrees below normal. Statewide temperatures averaged 39.2 degrees. Total precipitation received across the state last week was .35 inches below normal and totaled only .57 inches. But soil moisture levels continued to improve last week as the heavy snow from the previous weekend slowly melted. As a result of the weather patterns the past month soil temperatures have not reached the required level for planting and soil moisture levels across the state are too wet for planting also. Very little fieldwork has been accomplished and has been limited to activities such as spreading fertilizer early in the day when the ground is still frozen. Weight limits have been posted on many roads limiting grain movement off the farm. Winter wheat is starting to come out of dormancy with reports of some yellowing in fields needing warmer weather. Oats planting has barely begun with only 2 percent reported planted when the average is usually 24 percent. Topsoil moisture was rated at 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated at 6 percent very short, 23 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions were rated at 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 9 percent excellent.

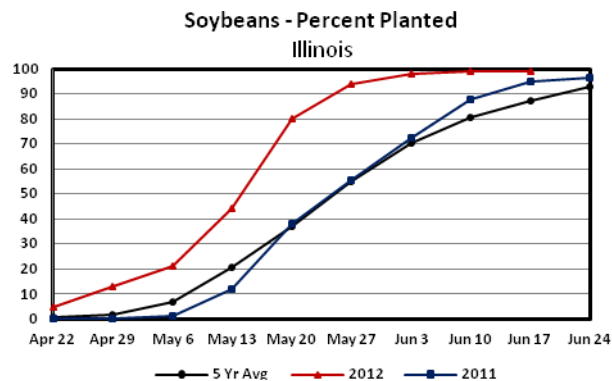
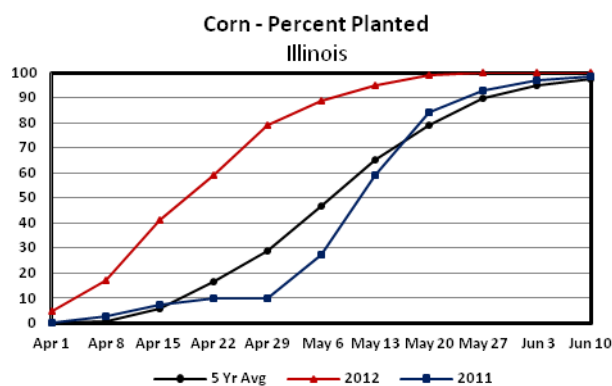
Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Year Average
March 31				
OATS:				
Planted	2	N/A	66	24



Bare Soil 4-inch Temp (°F)
March 31 8 a.m.

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil				Subsoil			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	March 25-31					March 31			
Northwest	0.0	1	6	80	13	11	48	40	1
Northeast	1.3	-	2	96	2	32	30	36	2
West	0.4	7	5	73	15	7	18	75	-
Central	0.3	-	5	88	7	1	10	84	5
East	1.2	-	9	86	5	5	16	79	-
W Southwest	0.0	-	9	55	36	-	37	56	7
E Southeast	1.3	-	-	60	40	-	10	69	21
Southwest	0.0	-	-	46	54	-	-	60	40
Southeast	0.0	-	-	10	90	-	-	87	13
State	0.6	1	5	72	22	6	23	64	7

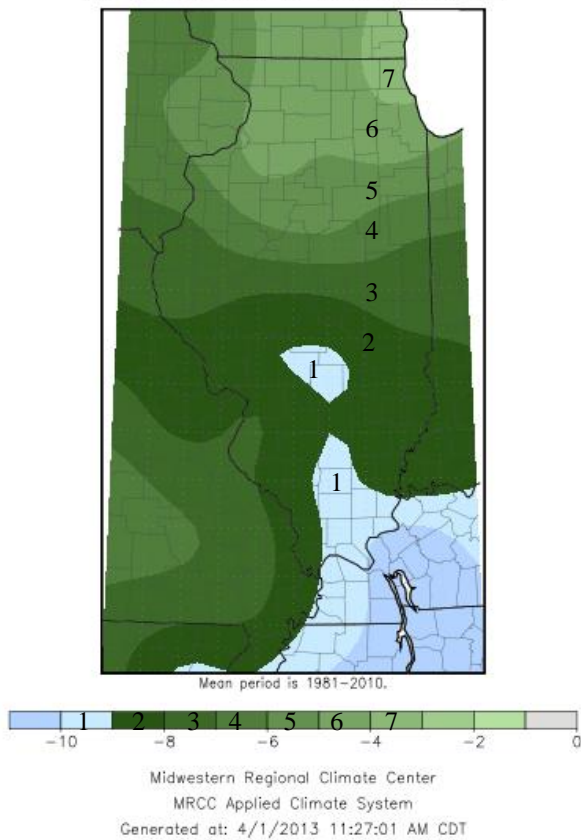


Crop Condition Percents					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	March 31				
Winter Wheat	1	4	27	59	9

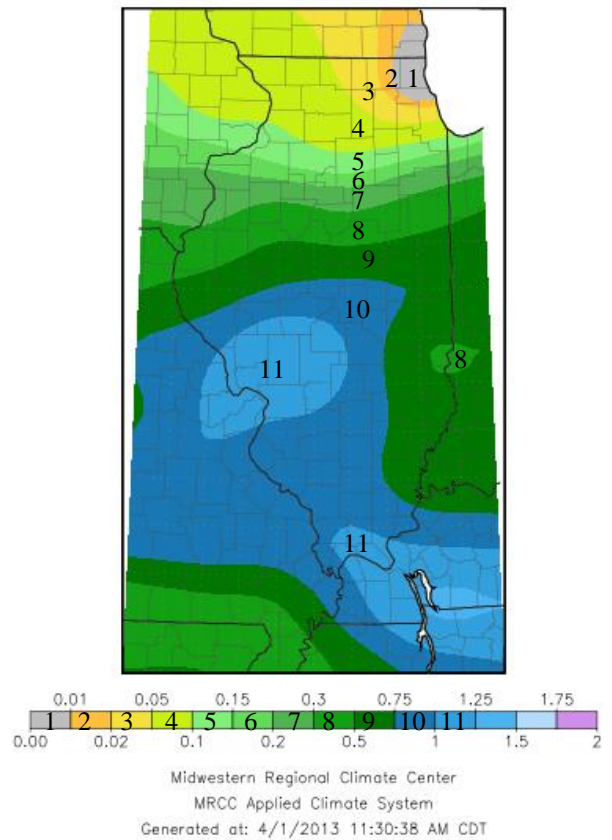
Weather Information Table

District	Temperature (°F)		Precipitation (in.)	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
March 25 - 31				
Northwest	38.3	-4.4	0.11	-0.61
Northeast	38.4	-4.0	0.07	-0.67
West	38.9	-7.1	0.47	-0.32
Central	39.0	-6.3	0.50	-0.27
East	38.1	-6.8	0.51	-0.32
W Southwest	38.8	-8.6	1.15	0.25
E Southeast	39.3	-8.7	0.73	-0.30
Southwest	41.3	-8.3	0.85	-0.45
Southeast	41.4	-8.8	0.76	-0.59
State	39.2	-6.9	0.57	-0.35

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
March 25, 2013 to March 31, 2013



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 25, 2013 to March 31, 2013



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